(*a*) the percentage of allotment for work establishment in the Water Works Division as per estimate sanctioned by the Government for—

(i) works ;

(ii) supply of tools and plant ; and

(iii) supply of pipes and specials ;

(*b*) the estimated amount under each Appendix and the up-to-date expenditure under each head ;

(*c*) the estimated provision for petty supervision and contingencies under each Appendix and the amount expended for petty supervision and contingencies under each head ;

(*d*) the total amount expended for works including value of materials for each month from Chingam 1106 to the end of Tulam 1107 ;

(*e*) the total amount expended under petty supervision and contingencies for each month for the same period ; and

(*f*) the total number of hands in the work establishment for each month for the same period ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (i) 2½ per cent.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) 1¼ per cent. for supply of pipes, etc., for the Distribution System and 5/8 per cent. for supply of pipes, etc., for the Main Supply Line.

(*b*) to (*f*). Statements* containing the required information are laid on the table.

Appointment of a permanent Headmaster for the English High School, Shertallai.

220 **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of First Grade Teachers in the English High School at Shertallai ;

(*b*) the exact period for which there has been no permanent Headmaster in the said High School ;

(*c*) the reason why no such Headmaster is appointed ; and

(*d*) whether they intend sending out any of the permanent Headmasters to the said English High School in the near future ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Two including the teacher in charge of the school.

(*b*) From the 7th Idavam 1105.

(*c*) A senior 1st grade teacher has been put in independent charge of the school with effect from the 7th Idavam 1105. Not all senior teachers are necessarily good Headmasters and teachers have to

* *Vide* Appendices III A to III E—pages 528 to 532.

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be tried before the question of their permanent appointment as Headmasters can be considered.

(*d*) When the existing permanent vacancies of Headmasters of English Schools are filled up the school will also have a permanent Headmaster.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Does the member mean to say that there is only one first grade teacher besides the teacher in charge ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is what has been stated in the answer.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether, before the date mentioned in the answer, there was any headmaster in that school ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The officer in charge before that date (7th Edavam 1105) has been confirmed as headmaster.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Does the member mean to say that before that date there was a permanent headmaster in that school ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. Mr. K. Narayana Pillai was the permanent headmaster at the time of his retirement. But, the order appointing him as permanent headmaster was issued only later, retrospectively.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Was he in service in the said school, at the time he was confirmed as Headmaster ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have stated that he was confirmed retrospectively.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) With reference to the answer to part (*b*), will the member be pleased to state how many of these vacancies exist at present ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are five vacancies.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Is it for want of competent men that these posts are kept vacant ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are two reasons why these posts are kept vacant. In the first place, there is the Financial Circular which says that no confirmation should be made now, on account of the financial stringency ; in the second place, the Director wants to examine the capacity of the various officers before confirmation.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know whether in the whole State, there is any school which was without a permanent headmaster for such a long time ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not in a position to answer that question now.

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